

## ARNETT

## VOTES FOR MR. JAMES

## Covington's Representative Leaves Beckham.

## URGES MEMBERS TO UNITE ON SOME OTHER MAN FOR SENATOR.

## DOG TAX CAUSES A STIR.

One more Democrat, who has been voting for Hon. J. C. W. Beckham for United States Senator, left his ranks yesterday after making an earnest plea to the Democratic members to get together and elect some man to the Senate. Louis W. Arnett, representative from Covington, cast his vote for Ollie M. James and suggested that Mr. James was a man on whom all factions of the Democratic party could agree. He said his constituents had sent him to the Legislature to elect a United States Senator, and that he had voted for Mr. Beckham day after day and week after week, and he could not be elected, so the time had come when a new man must be proposed, one who could receive the support of all the Democrats and be elected.

Mr. Arnett's defection from the Beckham ranks left Mr. Beckham with 65 votes, four less than the requisite number to elect, and it is rumored that other members will leave him during the week. W. O. Bradley was also short four votes. Since the death of Virgil McKnight it requires only 69 votes to elect, if all the members of the two houses are present or paired, there being only 137 members now. Both of the leading candidates are short and the deadlock continues with little prospect of anybody being elected unless something unexpected happens. Mr. Beckham came within three votes of being elected on Thursday, as 69 would have elected, but on yesterday, he lost again. Mr. Arnett taking the place of Mr. McKnight, in refusing to vote longer for Mr. Beckham.

Only two real ballots were taken for Senator this week, the one on Monday being perfunctory, by agreement, and only two votes being cast. It has always been, except that Mr. McKnight's place was vacant. On Thursday the vote was the same. Friday the number of those opposing Mr. Beckham but not voting for a Republican was again seven, as it had been before Mr. McKnight died. The Senatorial race has been lacking in interest for some time, but Mr. Arnett's speech, and his change of vote, have awakened interest again and the members are expecting something to happen soon.

The house yesterday passed one of the most important bills introduced at this session and voted half a million dollars to the State College and the two normal schools of the State. The Sullivan bill, which has been delayed for several weeks, finally reached a vote and was passed by an overwhelming majority, after many of the members had made speeches for or against the bill and many amendments had been voted down. An effort to scale the amount appropriated was defeated.

Little was done by the Legislature during the last week, as it was in session only three days and on one of those days the session was only perfunctory on account of the death of Virgil McKnight, a member of the House. On Monday the two houses appointed committee to attend Mr. McKnight's funeral and to draw up resolutions on his death and then an adjournment was taken until Thursday, the day after the funeral.

Thursday's session was a brief one, owing to an attempt to have the county unit extension bill brought up. The House had gone into a discussion of the bill appropriating \$200,000 to the State College, and \$150,000 each to the two normal schools. Representative Jerre Sullivan began speaking for the bill, after an ineffectual attempt had been made to postpone consideration of the bill until next Tuesday. George Wilson moved to hold an afternoon session to permit a

call of the counties so that a unit bill could be reported. W. F. Klair was on his feet with a motion to adjourn until Friday. He changed this motion to adjourn until Friday at 10:10 o'clock, so that his motion would take precedence over the motion of Mr. Wilson. This motion was lost but just as the chair announced the result of the vote the hour of adjournment arrived and the chair declared the House adjourned. Mere mention of the county unit bill serves to produce a motion to adjourn and the fight against it is determined. The Public Morals committee, which has the bill in charge, can not report until the committee is called in the regular order of things and it seems now that it will be several days before the call of the committee will be reached. In the meantime the bill hangs fire. The temperance forces are making a determined effort to have it reach a vote, believing that it would pass if a vote could be had on it. Other legislation is being sidetracked and the prospects now are that only a few bills will be passed during the present session and then only those which the rules committee chooses to report favorably. This committee will soon take charge as it has control during the last ten days and there are only a few more days to the session.

In spite of the fact that the session is nearing its end and that only three bills have been passed through both houses, the flood of new bills does not cease. The House did not have a bill day this week on account of the adjournment on Monday and the discussion of the State College bill on Thursday, but many of the members have bills and are only awaiting an opportunity to introduce

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## END OF LIFE

## COMES TO MRS. J. B. LINDSEY

## AFTER YEARS OF SUFFERING—FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS NOT MADE.

Again and again, during this fall and winter, has Frankfort been called to mourn the death of some of her purest and best.

On Friday morning the death angel knocked at the door of one of the cheeriest, gentlest and most loving women of the city. Mrs. Helen Talbot Lindsey, after long years of suffering from asthma, entered into the rest prepared for God's children, aged 66 years. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Talbot and wife.

In early childhood Mrs. Lindsey was orphaned, but was tenderly reared by the late Gen. Peter Dudley and wife, as their daughter.

She was a remarkably handsome girl, and was so unaffectedly joyous and happy, that she won the hearts of all who were thrown in contact with her, and reigned as a belle among the many handsome young ladies of the city.

In early girlhood, Mr. Jno. B. Lindsey wooed and won her heart and hand, united in the truest bonds of love and traveled life's pathway hand in hand united the truest bond of affection.

To them were born a large family of children, of whom there are living five daughters, Misses Maria, Isabel, Cordelia, Lillian and Benevieve, and three sons, Wm. T., Dudley and Jno. B. Lindsey, Jr., who composed a family of which any parents could well be proud.

Mrs. Lindsey was a devout Christian, a member of Ascension Church, and was ever ready to lend assistance to the work of the church so long as her health would permit.

During all the years of her suffering she was as cheery and happy as a girl, and the devoted love of her husband and children was never lacking to soothe and care for her. They were a peculiarly happy family.

The funeral arrangements had not been made when we went to press, owing to the fact that several of her children are away from the city, but it is likely that the funeral and burial will take place tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon from Ascension Church.

The profoundest sympathy of our whole community goes out to the sorely bereft family.

## FARMERS GET DOWN TO WORK ON SECOND DAY AND IMPORTANT WORK IS ACCOMPLISHED.

## MANY PROMINENT LECTURERS PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM

The third annual State Farmers' Institute closed its sessions yesterday afternoon after three days of interesting and instructive addresses by some of the most prominent lecturers in the United States. Except for the invasion of the institute by a number of politicians the sessions were very profitable and most of the farmers went to their homes feeling that they had been greatly benefited.

The institute opened Tuesday morning with an address of welcome by Gov. Augustus E. Willson. The Governor said that he was only a plain lawyer and had never been a farmer or agriculturist, but that he knew enough of their calling to know it is the most important in the State, this being distinctly an agricultural State. He paid high tribute to the farmers and their work. He took occasion to make a plea for law and order in the State and said that so long as he is the Governor of the State as he is the Governor he intends to be the Governor of the whole people.

President Froman responded to the address of welcome on behalf of the institute. He congratulated the members upon the great success which the institute has attained since its organization three years ago. Taking up its work, he told how no farmer may be ignorant of anything he ought to know, in regard to crops, soil, seed or anything pertaining to his farm, and that through its teachings worn lands may be brought back to a state of fertility.

He declared that the farmer has the right to fix the price of his crop above the cost of production. He touched upon the tobacco question, and told of the work of the American Society of Equity and explained how the farmers may control the production of their crops. He said one mistake that the farmers make is to take advantage of high crops to raise too much with the result that the price drops to unprofitable figures the next season.

President Froman showed how by organization the farmer can control the production of his crops and the prices which he shall receive for them. He declared that the success of the farmers' organization depends upon the fundamental principle of the integrity of its members.

## Peanut Politics.

The institute started off Tuesday morning with a lot of "peanut politicians" in charge. After the welcome address by Gov. Augustus E. Willson and the response by President Froman, State Senator J. W. Newman, contrary to all precedent, introduced a resolution taking from the chairman the appointment of the committees. This was done in the interest of Caldwell Norton, a Louisville banker, who was a candidate for member of the State Board of Agriculture from the Fourth Appellate District. At the other State Institutes President Froman appointed the committees, and there was no objection on the part of anyone to his selections. But several members of the State Board had been playing politics for the past two months and they had their plans laid to put Mr. Norton in by the use of dark lantern methods.

Mr. Hubert Vreeland took the floor and moved that the delegates selected

by the regular organization of Jefferson county be seated, adding that he desired to be heard on his motion. He explained to the delegates assembled that when he was Commissioner of Agriculture he had formed an organization in Jefferson county just as he had done in every county in the State. Although he did not desire the place he said that, upon call of Commissioner Rankin the farmers of that county met and instructed for him for members of the State Board from the Fourth District. Mr. Norton, he said, was a candidate for the place and made a vigorous fight, but he saw that he had been beaten by the regular organization he, with the assistance of the remnant of the Frankfort Ring, secretly organized three other clubs or claimed to have done so, and had them instruct for him. Mr. Vreeland contended that after the call had been issued for the selection of delegates it was unfair to organize "mushroom" clubs for the sole purpose of defeating any candidate. He asked that the three clubs be not recognized by the delegates.

After some discussion the matter was referred to the Committee on Credentials, which had been named by the politicians. The meeting of the committee was held behind closed doors and after the others had been heard Mr. Vreeland was called before the packed committee and given a formal hearing.

The real fight began at the night session when the packed Committee on Credentials reported. Their finding did not surprise anyone, as all the delegates realized that the committee had been selected by politicians on and off the State Board, but when the committee reported that it had seated all the Jefferson county clubs Mr. Vreeland offered a substitute to the report, seating only the delegates from the regular organization in the Fourth District.

Mr. Vreeland spoke to his substitute and took occasion to say that he realized the meeting was being dominated by the Frankfort Ring instead of the farmers of the State, but that he proposed to show up the dark-lantern methods of the opposition. He said that the original organization in Jefferson county has been in existence for several years, and that not one of those opposing him ever attended a meeting of the club, and that Mr. Norton had never attended a farmers' institute of any description in his life. He predicted that if such "peanut politics" should be tolerated in the meeting the institute work, which heretofore had been kept free from politics, would eventually be destroyed.

Mr. Vreeland said that he did not desire a membership on the State Board, as it would take him away from his business in Frankfort a great deal of the time, but that the farmers of his district had unanimously instructed for him and that he felt it his duty to fight the matter out merely for the sake of the principle involved. He declared he would resign if elected.

Continuing the dark-lantern methods a motion was made to shut off the debate, it being the wish of the politicians that their methods be not discovered. When the matter was put to vote two-thirds of the delegates voted

the debate, showing clear-cut results of the convention. The chairman of the delegates declined to vote, and it was the political element who won. The substitute

"mushroom" clubs were organized and declined to con- sider, saying that he had expected to see the face of political

majority of the delegates to the institute were disgusted with the proceedings, and many of them predicted that the Institute in future would be nothing more than a political convention.

Those most active in the political fight were J. W. Newman, Guthrie Wilson, of Bardstown, and W. R. Moorman, Jr., of Breckinridge county. The latter two are among the members of the board who worked so vigorously for the selection of the McDonald site for the State Fair, which site was opposed by hundreds of the best merchants in Louisville.

Aside from the welcome address by Gov. Willson and the response by President Froman, the only regular features of the program carried out on Tuesday were addresses by Dr. John Hamilton, Farmers' Institute Specialist of the United States, and Mr. W. H. Clayton, of Boone county, State Lecturer and Organizer for the State Grange.

Dr. Hamilton delivered a splendid address on the work of Farmers' Institutes in the United States. Dr. Hamilton is the best authority on this subject in the country, and his address was very instructive to those who have not heretofore realized the importance of the work.

Mr. Clayton's subject was "Horticulture," and he went into it

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## FALLS CITY

## SOLD TO CAPT. MORRISSEY

## KENTUCKY RIVER PACKET COMPANY WILL WITHDRAW FROM BUSINESS.

After nine years of service on the Kentucky and Ohio rivers, the steamer Falls City was sold Wednesday to Capt. T. M. Morrissey, of Vicksburg, to take the place of the steamer Rosaline, which went down in a storm last Saturday at Alpina, Miss. The Falls City was owned by the Louisville and Kentucky River Packet Company, at Louisville, of which Col. Samuel H. Stone is president. The company was formed about two years ago and was composed of seven directors, none of whom were experienced rivermen.

During the summer months, when the excursion trade is on, the boat pays well, but during the winter months the continuance of the boat hardly justified its running. Col. Stone said Thursday that the company would dissolve. Capt. Morrissey was in Louisville looking for a boat and the sale was effected. The terms are withheld, but the price is said to be between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

The boat was built nine years ago at Cincinnati and one year later was badly damaged by fire, which broke out in the cabin while the boat was anchored at the foot of Seventh St. in Louisville. The original cost of the boat was \$22,000. After the fire it was rebuilt in the Howard shipyards at Jeffersonville and later put into the Kentucky river trade between Louisville and Valley View, Ky.

Capt. N. M. Pryor will accompany the boat to-morrow morning to Vicksburg. The Falls City came in from its last trip yesterday. According to Col. Stone there will be no more packet boats run up the Kentucky river by his company.

Mrs. Mary Harrison, of Lexington, who underwent an operation at the Good Samaritan Hospital several weeks ago, has recovered and is again with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Simrall at their home on East Fourth street in Lexington.

Mrs. C. J. Norwood, of Lexington, who has been with the grip for a week at her home in Aylesford, is much better.

Mr. Jno. B. Dryden, Jr., was able to be out yesterday, after a severe illness of two weeks with the grip.

## HOT FIGHT

## IS PROMISED IN MASON

## Over the Coming Election of a Representative.

## BOTH PARTIES WILL MAKE EFFORT TO ELECT MCKNIGHT'S SUCCESSOR.

## DAIRYMEN ARE BADLY SPLIT.

Mason county is soon to be the scene of one of the hottest political fights ever seen in Kentucky, as an election has been called to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Virgil McKnight, who passed away last Monday morning at 2:25 o'clock, after only a brief illness. The special election was called on Thursday by W. J. Gooch, the Speaker of the House, who, under the statute, acts in such cases, instead of the Governor, when the House is in session at the time a vacancy occurs. The election will be held on March 7. The Republicans are going to make an especially hard fight in Mason county, as the vote in the Senatorial race is important just now, with two sides so equally divided. The Democrats are confident of victory, and believe that they will have no trouble winning as the county is normally about 60% Democratic, but factional fights have split the party there and the race will be close. Mr. McKnight was elected by less than a hundred votes and he was one of the most popular men who ever contested for a place in that county.

Mr. McKnight's death was a great shock to the members of the Legislature who served with him, and who seen him on Friday in his seat in the House, in the best of good humor and with his usual strength. On the Saturday before his death he was about the lobby of the hotel talking to the members who had stayed over during the adjournment, and was telling stories and entertaining his friends, as he knew so well how to do. He did not come down to his breakfast Saturday morning and was not seen all that day. John Feland went to his room about 4 o'clock and found Mr. McKnight lying on the bed partly dressed and almost unconscious. Dr. C. A. Fish was called and found that Mr. McKnight was suffering from cardiac asthma. Everything that could be done was done for him, but a severe attack came at an early hour Monday morning and he was dead before his friends, who had been notified, could reach his room.

After lying in state in the hall of the House of Representatives, where he had served with distinction, the body of Mr. McKnight was put on board a private car and taken to Louisville on Tuesday morning. A special committee from the Senate and House went with the body. Martin McKnight, a brother of the dead man, came to Frankfort and accompanied the body to Louisville. There it was taken by Mr. McKnight's relatives and after simple services at the grave his mortal remains were laid to rest in Cave Hill Cemetery.

## KENTUCKY DAIRYMEN IN A WRANGLE.

The Kentucky Dairymen's Association which held their annual meeting in the hall of the House of Representatives during the past week, split wide open Wednesday afternoon, and left the place of meeting with the avowed intention of forming a new association as a rival to the present organization. These incidents followed a session which was stormy from beginning to end. The members had come here lined up for a fight either for or against Senate bill No. 223, according to their inclinations, which calls for a rigid inspection, by State officials of all dairy herds to make certain that they are not infected with tuberculosis.

Miss Anna Virginia and Master Blanton Johnson, of Lexington, came yesterday for a week's visit with their grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Johnson.